

A KENTUCKY HISTORY MOMENT



John Filson's 1784 map of "Kentucke." Kentucky Historical Society, KHS Map Collection.

WOLFE COUNTY: SEARCH FOR HIDDEN TREASURE GOES ON

Lost treasure! Hidden mines! These are words that make fortune hunters' mouths water. For more than 200 years, people have looked for Jonathan Swift's lost silver mine. Based on tales in his purported journal, people have searched Eastern Kentucky (and other states along the Appalachian Mountains) looking for a mine holding untold treasures. John Filson, Kentucky's first mapmaker, and James Harrod, founder of Fort Harrod, are listed among the people who searched for silver but came up empty handed.



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